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REPORT ON A STUDY ON WOMEN UNDER APARTHEID AND PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES

(b) economic and social effects on education (formal and non-formal), employment (self, wage, salaries), access to land, training, health, family, life, family power relations, effects of migrant labour system, etc. bearing in mind the strategic position women occupy in the reproduction of the labour force for the highly developed apartheid economy. 1/

(c) psycho-cultural effects, attitudinal changes etc.;

4. evaluate the major changes that have occurred in the areas in (3) over certain time periods including the UN Decade for Women;

5. identify the existing problems and needs of women in rural, urban and peri-urban areas in South Africa, Namibia, the National liberation movements and the selected front-line States in the short, medium and long-term, specifying the problems and needs of different categories of women (e.g. young old, educated/uneducated, married/unmarried, mothers widows, heads of households, etc.);

6. make recommendations on action to be taken and measures of assistance at the levels of the national liberation movements, African governments and women organizations, the international community, etc.. If appropriate, propose a regional plan of action.

B. Study of Refugee and Displaced Women in independent African States

In consultation with the OAU, UNHCR, ECA, other UN agencies and appropriate NGOs the consultant will:

1. review all available literature (studies, reports, statistical data, periodical literature, etc.) and conduct field research to collect primary and secondary data on the topic;

2. analyse the root causes of refugee situation and define concepts of "refugee", "displaced person", in particular as they may have special application to women and children;

1/ The Copenhagen World Conference was informed that "the primary economic function of the African women in South Africa and Namibia is the reproduction of an African labour force, to the point that the domestic labour of women in fact subsidizes the apartheid system." See "The Effects of Apartheid on the Status of Women in Southern Africa". A/CONF.94/7, p.8.

3. Assess the effects of the refugee and displacement situation on women in quantitative and qualitative terms, in Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda in particular:

   (a) Juridico-political effects on personal status, legal status, safety and protection, participation in refugee associations, administration and decision-making in host-countries, camps, settlements and other places;

   (b) economic and social effects on education (formal and non-formal literacy, employment (self, wage, salaries), access to inputs for income-generation and self-support, training, health, family life, family power relations, etc..

   (c) psycho-cultural effects of sudden dislocation, heightened vulnerability, boredom and enforced inactivity, etc..

4. evaluate the major changes that have occurred in the area in (3) over certain time periods including the UN Decade for Women;

5. identify the existing problems and needs of women in rural, urban and peri-urban areas in the selected host countries in the short, medium and long-term, specifying the problems and needs of different categories of women (e.g. young/old, educated/uneducated, married/unmarried, mothers, widows, heads of households, etc.).

6. make recommendations on action to be taken and measures of assistance at the levels of the refugee and displaced communities themselves, African governments and women's organizations, the international community, etc. If appropriate, propose a regional plan of action.

It is proposed that the two consultants should meet in Addis Ababa for one week prior to the field research for an orientation and methodology seminar. Depending on availability of funds, the draft reports of the consultants will be discussed at an expert meeting in mid-1984 after which the final reports will be prepared for the Third Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development, scheduled at Arusha, Tanzania, 3-7 September 1984.